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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 08/10/2005**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 08/10/2005, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this response;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this response;

**Amendments to the Drawings:** begin on Page 12 of this response and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes;

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 13 of this response; and

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15.